



Congress of the United States
House of Representatives
Washington, DC 20515

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The Honorable Rosa L DeLauro
Chairwoman
House Committee on Appropriations
U.S. House of Representatives
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The Honorable Kay Granger
Ranking Member
House Committee on Appropriations
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I am requesting funding for the **Pediatric Mental Health Initiative project** in fiscal year 2023.

The entity to receive funding for this project is Children's Health System of Texas, located at 1935 Medical District Drive Dallas, Texas 75235.

The funding would be used to train 200 community physicians annually and to serve children that have mild to moderate depression and anxiety and who currently are not being treated for their mental health needs, with the Center projecting to serve thousands of children annually. Pediatric mental health issues are negatively affecting as many as 600,000 of the two million children across North Texas today including 175,000 children in Dallas County alone. Funding for a new Pediatric Mental Health Innovation Center would be a timely and beneficial response to the growing pediatric mental health crisis occurring in Texas.

I certify that neither I nor my immediate family has any financial interest in this project.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'C. Allred'.

Colin Z. Allred

Member of Congress